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Report of the Fifth Committee (Part V)

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The previous recommendations made by the Fifth Committee to the General Assembly under item 123 appear in the report of the Committee contained in documents A/48/811 and Add.1, 2 and 3.
2. The Fifth Committee resumed consideration of the item at its 69th and 74th meetings, on 29 June and 19 July 1994. Observations and comments made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/48/SR.69 and 74).

II. CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS

A. Draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.83

3. The Fifth Committee considered the question of reclassification of posts at its 69th and 74th meetings, on 29 June and 19 July. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/48/75) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/48/7/Add.11).
4. At its 74th meeting, the Fifth Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur, on the basis of informal consultations, entitled "Reclassification of posts" (A/C.5/48/L.83).
5. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.83 without a vote (see para. 15, draft resolution I).

B. Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.84

6. The Fifth Committee considered the question of the staffing and functions of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and of the Centre for Human Rights at its 69th and 74th meetings, on 29 June and 19 July. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/48/77) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/48/7/Add.10).

7. At its 74th meeting, the Fifth Committee had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur, on the basis of informal consultations, entitled "Staffing and functions of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and of the Centre for Human Rights" (A/C.5/48/L.84).

8. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/48/L.84 without a vote (see para. 16, draft decision I).

C. Draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.85

9. The Fifth Committee considered the question of the continuing United Nations human rights presence in Cambodia at its 69th and 74th meetings, on 29 June and 19 July. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/48/78) and the related report of the Advisory Committee (A/48/7/Add.12).

10. At its 74th meeting, the Fifth Committee had before it a draft resolution submitted by the Rapporteur, on the basis of informal consultations, entitled "Continued United Nations human rights presence in Cambodia" (A/C.5/48/L.85).

11. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/48/L.85 without a vote (see para. 15, draft resolution II).

D. Draft decision A/C.5/48/L.86

12. The Fifth Committee considered the question of the United Nations special coordinator in the occupied territories at its 69th and 74th meetings, on 29 June and 19 July 1994. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/48/81). The report of the Advisory Committee was presented orally by its Chairman.

13. At its 74th meeting, the Fifth Committee had before it a draft decision submitted by the Rapporteur, on the basis of informal consultations, entitled "United Nations Special Coordinator in the Occupied Territories" (A/C.5/48/L.86).

14. At the same meeting, the Fifth Committee adopted draft decision A/C.5/48/L.86 without a vote (see para. 16, draft decision II).

III. RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FIFTH COMMITTEE

15. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

DRAFT RESOLUTION I

Reclassification of posts

The General Assembly

1. Approves the recommendations for reclassification contained in the report of the Secretary-General; 1/
2. Endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in paragraph 8 of its related report, 2/ and requests the Secretary-General to include in his report to be submitted to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth session on the procedures and norms for the creation, suppression, reclassification, conversion and redeployment of posts his views on how the current procedures could be changed to achieve the objectives outlined in the report of the Advisory Committee;
3. Expresses concern that the promotion of some staff had been implemented prior to approval by the General Assembly of the reclassification of their posts, as indicated in paragraph 4 of the report of the Advisory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that this situation does not recur.

DRAFT RESOLUTION II

Continuing United Nations human rights
presence in Cambodia

The General Assembly

1. Takes note of the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its report; 3/

1/ A/C.5/48/75.

2/ A/48/7/Add.11.

3/ A/48/7/Add.12.

2. Authorizes the Secretary-General to enter into additional commitments up to \$1,834,100 under section 21 of the programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995 for the financing of human rights activities in Cambodia.

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16. The Fifth Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

DRAFT DECISION I

Staffing and functions of the Office of the
United Nations High Commissioner for Human
Rights and of the Centre for Human Rights

The General Assembly

(a) Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General 4/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 5/

(b) Decides to defer consideration of the question to the forty-ninth session of the General Assembly.

DRAFT DECISION II

United Nations Special Coordinator in the
Occupied Territories

The General Assembly decides to concur with the proposal of the Secretary-General 6/ that the post of Special Coordinator in the Occupied Territories be established at the Under-Secretary-General level.

4/ A/C.5/48/77.

5/ A/48/7/Add.10.

6/ A/C.5/48/81, para. 6.